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#### CROSS REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 10 2004 042 466.7 filed on September 2, 2004. This German Patent Application provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a device for optical distance measurement and to a method for optical distance measurement by means of phase modulation.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

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